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TITLE: Coal is mined with simultaneous
 drainage of methane - by
 long-wall mining vertically adjacent
 seams connected by a
 drift whilst draining and collecting
 methane

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BASIC-ABSTRACT:

Coal is mined and methane gas removed from an underground formation having a number of discrete coal seams by (a) establishing a first working in a first coal seam to remove coal from a preselected area; (b) removing coal from the

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preselected area; (c) establishing a second working in an adjacent coal seam; (d) drilling horizontal boreholes from the second working into a preselected area in the adjacent second coal seam; and (e) removing methane gas from the adjacent second coal seam by way of the boreholes.

ADVANTAGE - Because the boreholes are drilled from a working that is independent from the working used for the prodn. of coal, methane gas can be removed far in advance of the mining of the coal or in the associated seam which is simultaneously producing coal, so that commercial prodn. of methane gas can be achieved. In partic., the present method is suitable for an adjacent coal seam lying below the first coal seam, with the first and second workings interconnected by a drift.

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